
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE JOB CREATION AND
BUSINESS CLIMATE.

1 WHEREAS, Forbes Magazine ranked Hawaii the "Worst State to
2 Make a Living In" for 2014, quantifying the financial hardships
3 of Hawaii residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, CNBC ranked Hawaii forty ninth in its review of
6 "America's Top States for Business in 2014", up just one notch
7 from Hawaii's 2013 last place finish; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii earned an F grade in overall business
10 friendliness in the 2013 Thumbtack.com Small Business Survey, in
11 Partnership with the Kauffman Foundation, with its tax code
12 garnering the State's worst grade among several categories
13 including environmental, licensing, zoning, and others - none of
14 which earned better than a D grade; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
18 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
19 Tourism and its attached agencies are requested to set goals for
20 Hawaii to improve job creation and business climate; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
23 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to develop
24 strategies and an implementation plan to diversify Hawaii's
25 economy beyond its current concentration in tourism, military,
26 and construction; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
29 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to identify new
30 industries that may be targeted for relocation or investment in
31 Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
2 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to identify
3 incentives for new industries to enter Hawaii, create jobs, and
4 reverse current trends of skilled, knowledgeable workers leaving
5 Hawaii for employment elsewhere; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
8 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to provide an
9 oral presentation on the goals of the Department and its
10 attached agencies to the Legislature no later than twenty days
11 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
14 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
15 report of the goals of the Department and its attached agencies,
16 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
18 of 2016; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
22 Development, and Tourism.
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